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## FALLS IN VAT OF BOILING DYE

Mayfield Man in Serious Condition from Accident at Woolen Mills.

Herman King lies in a serious condition at his home on South Twelfth street as the result of falling into a vat of boiling dye at the woolen mills yesterday afternoon.

King, it is said, was working around the place when a piece of timber fell, striking him in the stomach and knocking him into the vat of scalding dye. He was unable to extricate himself, and workers nearby, attracted by his screams, pulled him from the vat. His back and legs are the parts affected, and all through last night the victim suffered excruciating pain. Dr. Fulton, the attending physician, says that King will recover.

Mr. King is about thirty-five years old and has been employed at the mills for a number of years. He has a family and resides on South Twelfth street. Luckily for the unfortunate man, his wages will go on as all employees of the mills are protected by insurance which is furnished by the proprietors. Mayfield Messenger (Friday).

### STATE REVENUE \$1,510,811.

State revenues for the calendar year 1920, according to monthly reports on the condition of the treasury, made by the State Inspector and Examiner, amounted to \$1,415,888.64. This covers the period of the present State administration. There was a balance of \$125,940 when the administration was checked January 5, 1920, making a total revenue available for the year \$1,541,828.64.

The balance at the close of the year, December 31, was \$4,040,519.01, and during the year outstanding interest bearing warrants increased \$4,534,567.36, making a total expenditure, represented by money checked out and the floating debt incurred, of \$12,600,293.25 or \$224,384.25 in excess of the revenues. Revenues for the calendar year fell \$784,101.10 short of the estimated revenue for the fiscal year, 1921, on which the first annual budget was calculated. It was estimated in the budget report that the revenues would amount to \$12,200,000 and the expenses to \$11,450,000, which would leave a margin of \$750,000 for contingency or to reduce the floating debt. Calendar year expenses ran \$264,283.25 over the amount of the budget appropriations for the fiscal year.

This showing for the calendar year, however, cannot be taken as conclusive that the revenues for the current fiscal year will fall below the estimate or that the expenses will exceed the budget. There are six months remaining of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, and the revenues yet to come in may exceed those for the corresponding months of 1920, while the department expenses may be less.

The calendar year for which figures are available include only six months of the fiscal year embraced in the budget system. Departments during the first half of the year were operating under 1918 appropriations and if an increase in revenues and decrease in expenditures the next months make a difference of \$1,336,283.25 in favor of the treasury as compared to the corresponding six months of 1920 the administration will come through its first fiscal year with all current bills paid and the floating debt reduced \$750,000.

### A WOMAN IN THE FIELD.

If current reports be true, Miss Cora Morehead, will be a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk in the coming election. Her friends, (and they are legion) are urging her to make the race. Miss Morehead is a woman beloved by this entire community; and her native ability and fitness, her irreproachable character, and her integrity of purpose will make her a formidable competitor should she enter the list.—Mayfield Messenger.

The Fulton Wireless in commenting on the prospects for league baseball in this neck of the woods next summer points out the apathy which the citizens of Paducah are showing toward the proposition, and says further: "In the meantime Mayfield and Fulton are going ahead with their plans. Both have effected their organization, and in our town the team is practically completed. We believe that if the matter is taken up in the right manner Paducah can be interested in reviving the old Killy League. A fifteen has nine lives, and the Killy League still has a few lives left. We should like to see this revival, for belief that organized ball will be better for Fulton than an independent team." Which leads us to opine that if Hickman fans don't get a hustle on we'll be left out in the cold so far as baseball is concerned. If there is to be a league organization in this part of the state Hickman ought to be in it. At any rate, in order to have a team which will be able to successfully compete with our rival towns, work should be begun at once on its formation and organization.

Mary Garden, grand opera star, has been elected director of the Chicago Opera Association. She is the first woman to have the management of a grand opera company.

E. R. Ellison and wife and little daughter, Mary Parks, left Sunday morning for St. Louis to be gone for a few days. Mr. Ellison is there buying goods for his store.



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## J. O. WEST OUT FOR SHERIFF

Hickman Mayor Announces for Important Fulton County Office.

The Courier takes pleasure in presenting to the voters of Fulton County the name of Mayor J. O. West, who formally announces himself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff subject to the Democratic primary in August.

It is hardly necessary to tell the voters who he is, for he is well known throughout the county and state. For the past several years he has been manager of the LaCade Hotel here, and through his progressiveness has proven himself to be one of the best hotel men Hickman has ever had, and this business ability makes him especially qualified for the position which he now seeks.

Mr. West now holds the office of Mayor of Hickman, which he has held for the past year. During this time he has done more for the progress and development of the city than any other



J. O. WEST

man who has held this office for the past fifteen years, and this has been done despite the woeful lack of funds with which he has been handicapped. Not only has he devoted his time and work to the welfare of the city but his entire salary as mayor has been contributed to the city road work. Not the least of his accomplishments has been the establishment of the little zoo in the city park, and his efforts toward beautifying the park, most of which was done through his individual efforts.

He was especially active during the war, giving his time daily to the work of the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives, and it is said of him that two-thirds of the money contributed for war purposes in this part of the county was handled to Mr. West. Without injustice to any other man, we believe it can be said that no other man in the county worked harder for the cause of his country on this side than did Mr. West. Many of the novel schemes which were used to secure funds for the Red Cross and other war organizations originated with him.

He has at all times given of his means and time to the poor and needy of the town and to the religious and benevolent organizations, and his readiness to help those in distress has won for him many friends.

Such is the man who asks for your support at the primary election in August. He is a good citizen, a zealous public servant and if elected he will make the county a very efficient sheriff. We bespeak for Mr. West your hearty consideration because he is worthy of it and will appreciate it.

### SUDEKUM TO BORE FOR OIL AT REELFOOT LAKE

A year ago or more Gov. Roberts, representing the state of Tennessee, entered into a contract with certain oil operators of Texas to drill for oil in the Reelfoot Lake region. According to the contract a well at least 3,000 feet deep was to be sunk, but after drilling less than half that distance the work was abandoned and the contract abrogated. Friday Gov. Roberts, on behalf of the state, entered into a contract with Tony Sudekum of Nashville, to continue the work of drilling for oil at the lake, the contract being identical with that made with the Texas concern. If oil in commercial quantities is found the state will share in the profits; if the work results in failure the state loses nothing. Mr. Sudekum will forfeit \$10,000 to the state for failure to carry out the contract.

### FULTON COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Fulton Commercial Club was given last Thursday evening in the dining room of the Hotel Usona. According to the Fulton Daily Leader this affair reached the acme of perfection in Fulton banquets, with excellent food and service and thoughtful and optimistic speeches.

Hon. H. T. Smith acted as toastmaster, and Hickman speakers were County Agent O. L. Cunningham and Senator B. T. Davis. Mr. Cunningham urged the necessity of intensive cultivation of every acre of Fulton County soil, while Senator Davis boosted good roads in his address and explained the workings of the road law, showing its weak point and giving some of the amendments which it is hoped will render it more practicable. He stated that he had some legislation which he intends to present to the next session of the legislature.

Cowgill Rogers spent a few days here this week with home folks.